

TRAILS

HELLS GATE WILDERNESS

There is a network of “system” trails serving the Hells Gate Wilderness Area and contiguous areas. Their condition varies from satisfactory to very poor. All trails are closed to motor vehicles and mechanical transport such as bikes.

Use a great deal of caution when traveling on backcountry trails such as this one and be aware of the risks you assume.

A few brief comments are in order about the following trail:

Bear Flat Trail 178: 9.25 miles in length. An old jeep trail that is very easy to follow, the first quarter mile after leaving the Bear Flat Trailhead is steep, but passing through an unexpected grove of mixed conifer rewards the visitor. Elevation: 2500 - 5800 feet. Termini: Forest Road 405 at Bear Flat, and Forest Road 200.

Use of any mechanized or motorized is prohibited on this trail. No more than 15 people are allowed to be in a group. No more than 15 head of livestock are allowed in a group.